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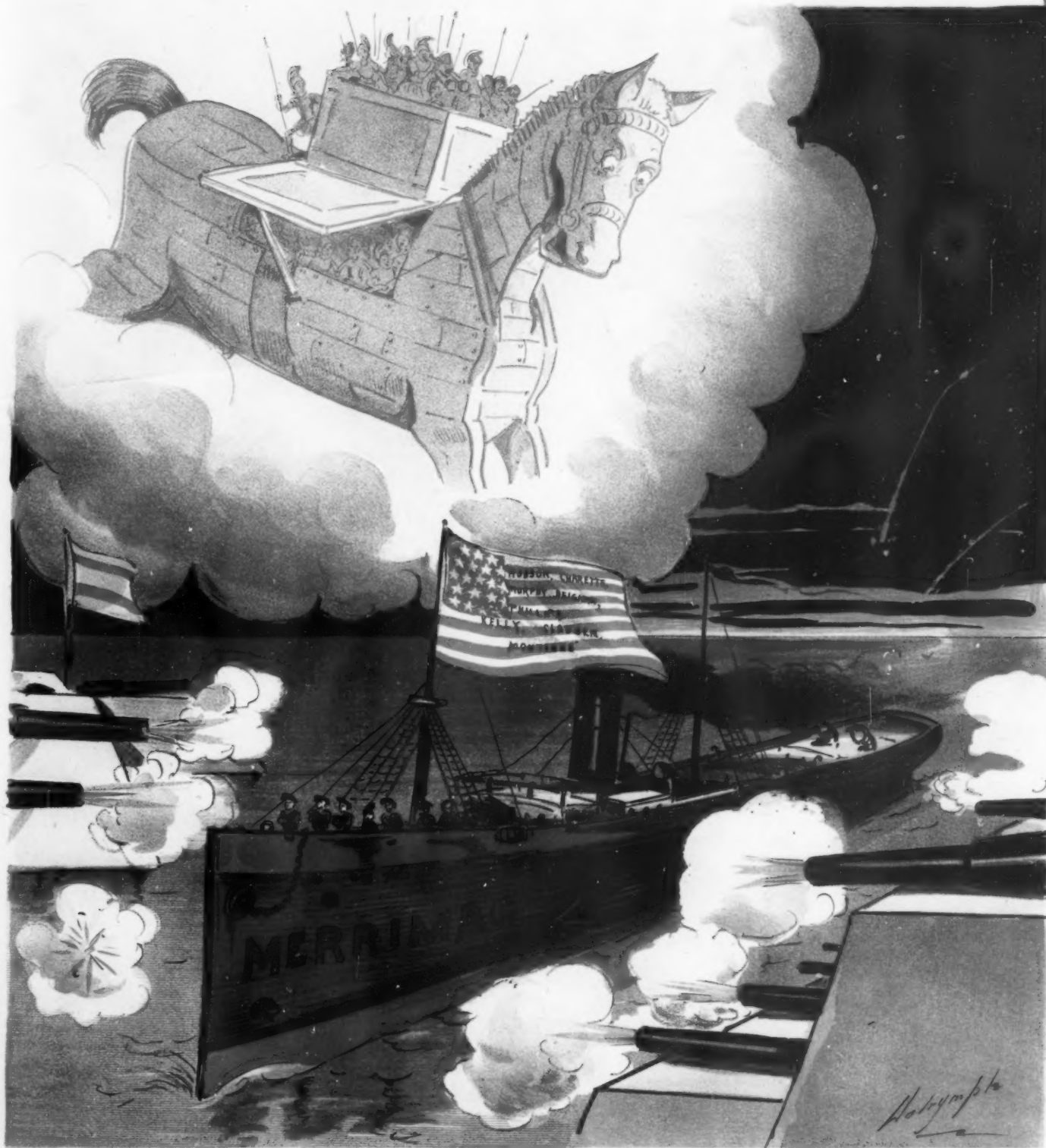
"What Fools these Mortals be!"

**Suck**

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### A HORSE CHESTNUT.

THE TROJAN HORSE. — Great Olympus ! These Yankee exploits put me clear in the shade !



#### THE HOME GUARD.

PA's gone down South to fight —  
Golly! Would n't I! —  
With a sticker sharp an' bright,  
An' a pis-tol — my!  
But before he went away,  
Took me on his knee,  
Said that one of us mus' stay,  
An' it mus' be me.

'T would n't do to leave Ma here  
Livin' all alone —  
"S'pose the Spanish should appear,  
Sudden, un-be-known,  
An' no men," he said, "should fin' —  
Think of *that*, Sylves'!"  
So I'm watchin' things, behin',  
'Sid'rin' it seemed bes'.

But I have a comp'ny  
Called the Smith Home Guard,  
An' we're drillin' reg'lerly  
In our big back yard.  
I'm the captin'; Reg'nal Burns,  
He's the private; er  
Change about — we're takin' turns  
Bein' officer.

Ma, she says she's not afraid  
Of the Spanish "horde."  
'Speck she's mighty glad I stayed  
I've a dandy sword!  
An' when I have drilled a heap,  
'Til I'm 'bout to fall,  
Ma jus' rocks me off to sleep,  
Which is bes' of all!

Edwin L. Sabin.

#### A CRITERION.

FARMER HONK (*in the midst of his reading*).  
— Ho! the new editor of the *Plainedealer* is a married man.

MRS. HONK. — How do you know, Jason?  
You ain't acquainted with him, are you?

FARMER HONK. — No; but I see, here in his paper, that he runs the marriage notices right under the war news.

#### THE HORRORS OF WAR.

"I can't help feeling sorry for the Spaniards."

"Well, they brought this on themselves!"

"Yes; but think how they are being punished. It is bad enough to shoot them and starve them, but it seems inhuman to cut their cables. Why, they'd rather send cable messages than eat!"

#### A BULLY CROWD.

DOYLE. — Shea choosed a novel method av committin' suicide.

DUGGAN. — How did he do th' thrick?

DOYLE. — He attinded an East soide mask ball ripresenting a Spanish To-ray-re-ray-ay-dor.

TIMES TAKES the poetry out of a woman, but it does n't make her appreciably less of a mystery. Women are just that queer.

#### THE CASE OF "OLD DOG TRAY."

THE WEATHER PROPHET. — No wonder people won't believe our predictions.

THE ASSISTANT. — How is that, sir?

THE WEATHER PROPHET. — We have 'em printed in the daily papers.

#### PROSPECTIVE DEVASTATION.

DRUMMER. — A prolonged conflict is a very serious thing.

LANDLORD PETTYVILLE TAVERN. — Yes, sirree! If this war goes on much longer every dry-goods box in town will be whittled up!

#### HIS DEFINITION.

LITTLE NELL. — What is imagination, Willy?

LITTLE WILL. — It is what makes you think a bee's stinger is six feet long.

#### SUITED HIS TASTE.

JIMMY. — Did you ever read about Genghis Khan? He used to kill people and make piles of bones —

TOMMY. — Must be a great story.

JIMMY. — Great? It beats some of those Indian novels, I tell you!



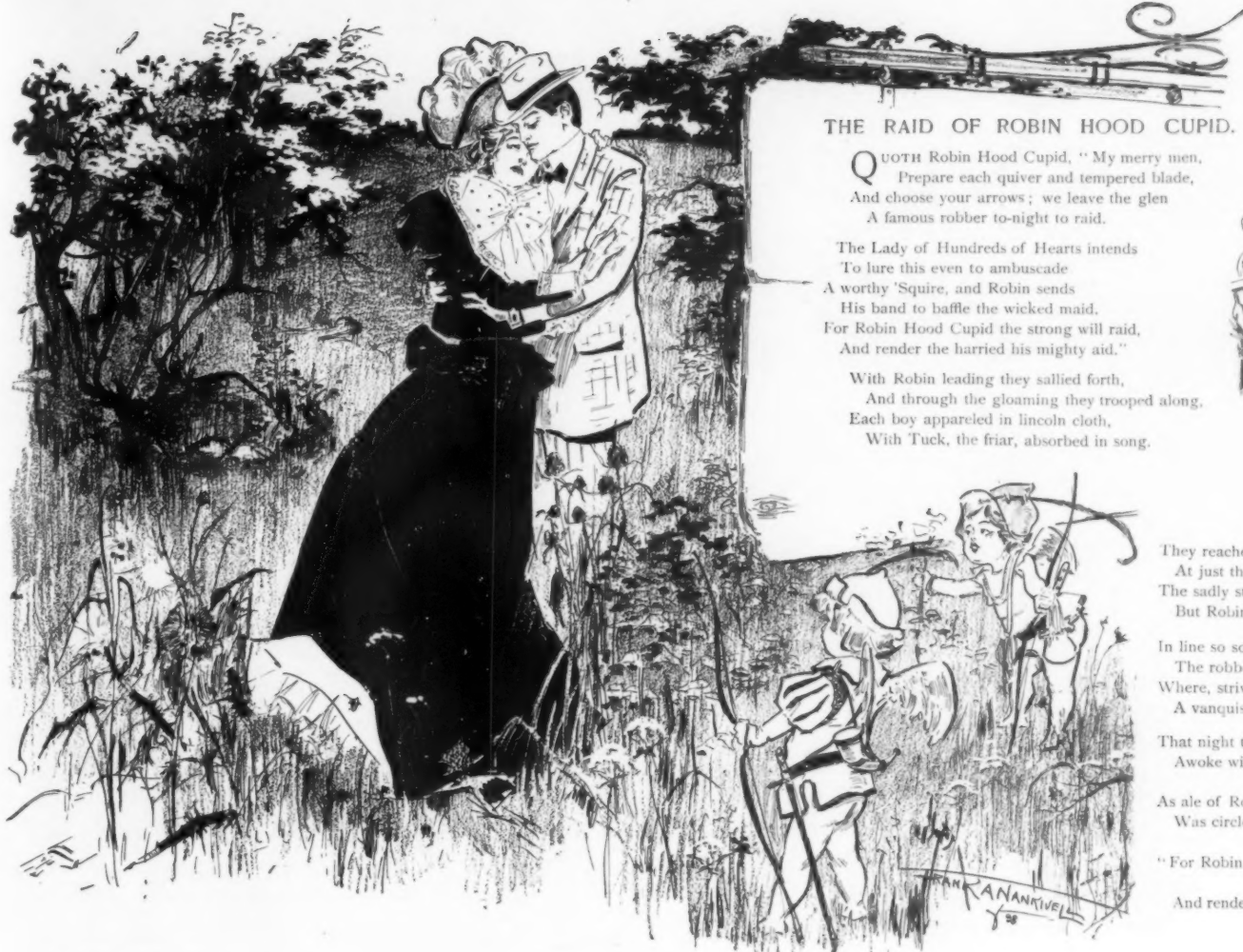
#### NO GENTLEMAN.

FIRST SALESLADY. — That new salesman is no real gent.

SECOND SALESLADY. — Ain't he? Why?

FIRST SALESLADY. — No! Right in the middle of a conversation he left me to go and wait on that woman!





# THE RAID OF ROBIN HOOD CUPID.

QUOTH Robin Hood Cupid, "My merry men,  
Prepare each quiver and tempered blade,  
And choose your arrows; we leave the glen  
A famous robber to-night to raid.

The Lady of Hundreds of Hearts intends  
To lure this even to ambuscade  
A worthy 'Squire, and Robin sends  
His hand to baffle the wicked maid.  
For Robin Hood Cupid the strong will raid,  
And render the harried his mighty aid."

With Robin leading they sallied forth,  
And through the gloaming they trooped along,  
Each boy appareled in lincoln cloth,  
With Tuck, the friar, absorbed in song.



They reached the spot of the ambuscade  
At just the moment when succor most  
The sadly stricken esquire prayed;  
But Robin posted his midget host

In line so soldierly planned and well,  
The robber lady was placed at bay,  
Where, striving bravely, she shortly fell  
A vanquished captor before her prey.

That night the Sherwood of Cupid's crew  
Awoke with ballads that none may  
match,

As ale of Robin's inspired brew  
Was circled round to the swinging  
catch,

"For Robin Hood Cupid the strong will  
raid,  
And render the harried his mighty aid."

Layton Brewer.

## MODERN CONVERSATIONS.

"DO YOU love me?"  
"Of course, dear! Why?"  
"That 's just like  
a man. You are so  
matter-of-fact. Please,  
please say you love  
me really and truly."  
"But I do."  
"You — don't — always  
— show — it; and I love  
you so very, very much!"  
"And I do you, dear.  
Why, what is it?"  
"Oh, nothing! I have a  
surprise for you."  
"A surprise?"  
"Yes; — a real surprise.  
You can't guess."  
"What is it?"  
"You must guess."  
"I'm not good at guess-  
ing. Is it expensive?"  
"You horrid thing! I don't  
love you when you talk that  
way."  
"Forgive me, dear! I've  
just been looking over my check-  
book, you know, and my thoughts  
ran that way. What is it?"  
"I'm not going to tell."  
"Oh, yes! Come!"  
"No, I won't."  
"But you must."  
"Well, then, it's a —; guess!"  
"For heaven's sake, dear, tell me!"  
"You don't love me! You're too  
anxious to know."



## SINGULARLY INAPPROPRIATE.

MRS. JONSING.—Dis hyah new ministah am a fine preachah, but  
he am de leanes' an' skinnies' young man I ebbah see!

MRS. BLACK.—Yes, an' he done tole mah husband, what weighs  
two hundard an' fo'ty, to bewar' les' he should be weighed in de  
balance an' foun' wantin'!

"Then don't tell me."  
"But I must! I'm just bursting with it."  
"Well? —"  
"It's a New Gown!"  
"Umph! — How much was it?"  
"I hate you for that!"  
"But, my dear, I —"  
"I always knew you did n't love  
me."  
" — — — — —"  
"I only got it for your sake."  
" — — — — —"  
"And you have n't even  
asked to see it."  
"My dear, you don't un-  
derstand. I'm awfully short  
at present, and —"  
"You always are. And  
I try so hard —"  
"There, there! don't cry!  
It's all right. I'm delighted.  
Let me see it."  
"Then — you do — love  
— me — a little?"

## HOPE LEFT.

"I understand that Lord de Liver-  
us is hopelessly in debt."  
"Well, hardly as bad as that! The  
supply of American heiresses has not  
entirely given out, you know."

THE DYSPEPTIC who remains cheer-  
ful and good-natured can count on a  
great reward in the next world. Heaven  
would be incomplete without him.



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#### UNABLE TO ATTEND.

"Jones was n't at the poker party, was he?"  
 "No. He was storm-bound."  
 "But there was n't any storm."  
 "Oh! yes; there was. His wife heard about the poker party."

#### AS AN OFFICER.

MAGISTRATE.—You are accused of impersonating an officer of the law.  
 PRISONER.—I am not guilty.  
 MAGISTRATE.—Is it not true that you shot at a mad dog and hit three people?  
 PRISONER.—It is; but I killed the dog as well.

#### SURPRISED.

BUSINESS MAN.—When they say "money is easy," it means simply that the supply is greater than the demand.  
 HIS WIFE.—Goodness! I should n't think such a thing possible.

#### LONELYVILLE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

MRS. ISOLATE (of Lonelyville, to MR. ISOLATE, returning from an evening meeting of the Lonelyville Volunteer Hose Co., reproachfully).—You are very late, to-night, Ferdinand!—it is nearly half-past nine!

MR. ISOLATE (tenderly).—I know it, Amabel! But there were a number of the new members of the Lonelyville Hose Company present, to-night, and they were trying to overrule us older members, and make it a by-law of the Company to hereafter attend all evening fires in full dress suits.

#### TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.

HE.—A man out West has patented a new style of whisk counters.  
 SHE.—What is the idea?  
 HE.—They register the number of words spoken by each player.

#### THE DIFFERENCE.

VISITOR.—Does Clarence still fiddle?  
 FOND MOTHER.—Oh! dear! no! He took a course of lessons in Paris, and he plays the violin now.

#### HIS VIEWS.

"It's all very well to talk about the man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before; but—"

The Harlemitte gazed around his new flat, discontentedly.

"But the man who builds two houses on a lot where there was only one—"  
 Being an old sufferer, he soon mastered his emotion.

#### STILL A MYSTERY.

FIRST FOX.—Did you ever eat a Welsh rabbit?  
 SECOND FOX.—I never did. I've heard of them, and I'd like to try one, but I never ran across any.

#### A BAD SIGN.

THE WIFE.—The baby does n't cry as much as he did.  
 THE HUSBAND.—No; I'm afraid his memory is failing him.

MILKMAN.—You must be a very immoral man, sir, or you'd never kick about the milk I serve.  
 CUSTOMER.—What's that?  
 MILKMAN.—Are n't we taught that to the pure all things are pure?



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#### QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

Since charity consists of gifts,  
 Of course she is correct to say  
 'T was not uncharitable, then,  
 To give her rival's age away.

WE CAN'T take our money with us when we die; but some of us give it to a church and get a letter of credit.

#### LOVE WILL FIND A WAY.



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III.

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POWERLESS.



IT THEY, youth and maid, together,  
In the moon's fair light,  
Talking—Really! Of the weather!  
What could be more trite?

Round about them Cupid hovers,  
Waiting for a shot.  
Are they chums, or are they lovers?  
Can he be forgot?

Still they talk of weather's chances,  
Sometimes speak of roads,  
Till the maker of romances  
Desperation goads.

Blunted fall his sharpest arrows,  
Maid nor youth is harmed  
Still they chatter like two sparrows  
By some strange spell charmed.

Ah! Dan Cupid, these be glum times,  
Torture you must feel;  
For the power of Love is sometimes  
Broken on the wheel.

Wood Levette Wilson.

OFTEN THE CASE.

"The minister weighs his words very carefully."  
"Still, he does n't seem to realize how heavy his sermons are."



HIS DEFINITION.

LITTLE JOHNNY GREENHAW.—Paw, what is a lampoon?  
FARMER GREENHAW.—A pitchfork to stab whales with, o' course!



A WONDERFUL WOMAN.

DEWITTE.—Aunt Deborah Strong is one of the most remarkable women of my acquaintance.

MRS. DEWITTE.—How so?

DEWITTE.—Why, I am told that all the way back from Mrs. Potter's funeral, yesterday, she never expressed any opinion as to how long it will be before the deceased's husband marries again.

IN OTHER DAYS.

"What wheel do you ride now, Bearings?"  
"The same as always, only this year's make."

"And your wife?"

"Oh! she is riding some sort of a cheap wheel. I forget the name."

"But you both used to ride and swear by the same make."

"Yes, I know; but that was before we were married."

HIS PROSPECTIVE FATE.

"Johnny Thickneck," said the schoolmistress, solemnly, "that is a falsehood! Do you know what will happen to you if you tell lies?"

"Yes 'm," replied the culprit, nonchalantly; "I'll go to hell."

"Worse than that! You'll be expelled from school!"

A MODERN BATTLESHIP seems to be essentially a device for making history by machinery.



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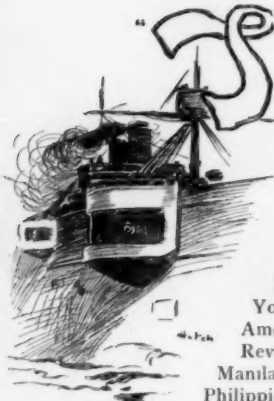
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# HOW IT WILL BE.

(Extracts from the Daily Papers of 1928.)



THE REUNION of the Society of the Survivors of the Battle of Cavite at Madison Square Garden last evening, was a most successful occasion from both a social and financial point of view. Over seven thousand members were in attendance, nearly four-fifths of the entire membership, and the accommodations of the hall were strained to the utmost. After the banquet addresses were made by a number of prominent members, and letters of regret were read from the President, and the Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, Porto Rico and Cuba. Among those who addressed the meeting were Rev. George Dewey Fitzgibbons, Hon. Dewey Manila Brown, Hon. Cavite G. Jones, Governor Philippine Olympia Green, and Vice-President Raleigh Concord Tubb. After the banquet was over, dancing was indulged in until a late hour."

"The Patriotic Order of the Sons of Cuban Liberty gave an entertainment in their hall at 1674 Bowery, last evening, the receipts of which are to go toward building a monument to the memory of the Cubans who lost their lives in the late war. A fair attendance was present, and the musical numbers were well rendered by Misses Santiago Cortez Coogan, Cienfuegos Murphy, Amphitrite Cook, and Matanzas Johnson. Mr. Habana O'Donoghue made quite a hit with his recitation of 'When Gomez Marched to Dinner.' Quite a neat little sum was realized."

"From Sampson, Ky., comes a dispatch which says that John K. Littlejohn, a gunner's mate on the Nashville in the late war with Spain, and who claims to have fired the first hostile shot of the war, died in that town on Wednesday. We have no wish to doubt the veracity of the Sampson Bugle, but, at the same time, Mr. Littlejohn is the twenty-third man to die since the war was ended, claiming the honor of having fired the first hostile shot. Is n't this rather overdoing it?"

"Schley J. O'Brien, twenty-eight years of age, was picked up by Officer Good, on Bleecker Street, last night, in an intoxicated condition. Before Judge Cooley, this morning, O'Brien claimed that his condition was the result of discussing the war with Spain in the Maine saloon, yesterday evening, with two cronies, Bill Dewey Naughton and Bagley Terror O'Rourke. Judge Cooley decided that, in view of the circumstances, the prisoner was lucky to offend by a mere plain drunk, and Mr. O'Brien was released."

"A youth giving his name as Augustus Cuba Libre Lightfoot was arrested yesterday while acting in a suspicious manner on Broadway. Lightfoot is thought to be an alias of 'Hot Shot' Smith, a noted sneak thief, who has of late been operating successfully in the neighborhood of Fifth Avenue and Thirty-eighth Street. The prisoner claims to have been the first child born on Cuban soil of American parents, after the capitulation of Havana. He is still in custody."

Richard Stillman Powell.

## PERKINS.—

When I knew Harry he used to paddle his own canoe; but now he seems to be a perfect wreck.

JORKINS.—Yes; but since then he got married, and his wife is one of these creatures that like to rock the boat.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, the Powers of Europe will take sides according as these fit into their own ends.



## THE STORY OF THE HUNT.

THE RACONTEUR.—He fired fourteen shots and never touched me! Ha! Ha!

THE OTHER PARTY.—Ho! Ho! Fourteen shots! He must have been a Spaniard!



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## AWFUL TO CONTEMPLATE!

HE.—Why that sigh, Dearest?

SHE.—I was just thinking, that suppose you went to war and—

HE (giving her a reassuring squeeze).—And got killed?

SHE.—No! Not that! Suppose you should go to war and lose both your arms? (Weeps.)

## THE OUTCOME.

"What do you think will be the result of the Spanish trouble?" asked the court clerk.

"Oh! the case will be continued for a time," said the police magistrate, "and then Spain will be fined on the charge of disorderly conduct."

## "NON EST."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY (laying down the 75,000th offer to raise a regiment).—By the way, what's become of Coxey?

## A YELLOW SHAFT.

MR. GABBER.—There is a man in New York erecting a monument to Ananias.

MRS. GABBER.—For the land's sake! And what material is he using?

MR. GABBER.—War extras.

## ESTIMATED.

"I wonder how many of the reconcentrados will be saved?"

"Probably all those who have been converted."

WHEN WE shall have succeeded in eliminating the savagery from war, it will be quite in order for us to proceed to eliminate from night its darkness.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

**THE RIGHTS OF CRITICS.** THE PRESS-CORRESPONDENTS at the various camps have been exercising the peculiarly American right to criticise everybody and everything connected with the army administration. Other newspaper writers have exercised the same right to score these critics, and the result has been a newspaper discussion of the ethics of such criticism. The first set of critics contends that the army in part is miserably equipped and poorly fed; the second set contends that this is untrue; but that, if it were true, it would be the act of a traitor to advertise the fact. The discussion will probably continue so long as the newspapers have nothing more important to print, and a great many subtle arguments will be used where, in our opinion, there is no need for them. Our troops in the field are enduring considerable hardship. Some of it is perhaps due to their discovery that army field-service is not a series of lawn fêtes; and some of it is unquestionably due to mismanagement in the forwarding of supplies. But the largest fact in the situation is that a peaceful nation can not be put on a war-footing over night, and that hardship due to our lack of experience in this line must be counted upon. At the same time there is no reason in the world why the actual condition of troops in the field should at any time be concealed. If we were a bloodless nation, like our adversary, we might be shy of such exposures. But, as it is, if any of our troops are poorly cared for, it is due not to a lack of resources but to a lack of experience; and the sooner it is known, the sooner it can be remedied.

**AN OBJECT LESSON.** IN THIS hot time of war and glory it is to be hoped that the Protectionist will spare a few moments to the consideration of China. He may profit by it, for China is his ideal nation. China was a staunch believer in the sacredness of the Home Market. She cultivated Dingleyism to the fullest flowering of which it is capable, showing an ingenuity that has long been the cherished model of our own Protectionists. Now, Protection is a theory, and Free Trade

is an instinct; and the history of the world is but a record of contests in which instincts have demolished theories. In this instance the instinct of the world endured China's theory just as long as it could. Then it repealed her Protection laws. As the case was a stubborn one it performed the necessary legislation with gun-boats. It was impolite but effective. The moral is that if a thing must be done for the public good, you would better do it yourself than provoke the public into doing it for you. It allows more grace in the act.

**PAYING THE BILLS.** THE CASUAL CITIZEN, reading daily for the past two months of princely sums appropriated for war, has been thrilled with a proper pride in the greatness and wealth of his country. He is now in the way of learning how those vast sums are raised. Heretofore he has given little thought to this end of the transaction. Ordinarily he has believed that the money used by the Government rained from heaven into the vaults of the Treasury. Or, if he was a really thoughtful citizen, and a good Republican, he believed, as all good Republicans are taught to believe, that it was paid in by the luckless foreigner, who is ever at the mercy of our tariff laws. The revenue bill just passed will tend to disturb both of these notions. From this time on the citizen will find himself a dozen or so times a day chipping in for the expenses of this war. He will, assuredly, come into the game with the greatest cheerfulness, as a patriot should; but we surmise that he may learn anew some old truths about the mechanics of taxation. Without begrudging one cent of the increase he must pay for his tea, sugar, oil, flour, beer, tobacco, chewing-gum and medicine, he will probably find himself asking some such question as this: "If the foreigner can be made to pay the running expenses of this government in time of peace, what's the matter with making him do it in time of war? Why has this administration suddenly let up on the foreigner, just when our expenses are heaviest?" We can only hope he will continue to ask this question in a loud and irritating tone; and that he will remember the answer he gets, or does n't get, the next time there is any talk of the tariff being a tax upon the foreigner.

**CHIEFLY A BOTHER.** IT is characteristic of the Hawaiian question that when you use the phrase "Hawaiian Infamy" no one knows whether you are for annexation or against it. We are assured by the opponents of annexation that it is sought solely by a ring of wicked speculators. And we are just as fervently assured by its partisans that annexation is opposed solely by a ring of wicked speculators. Each side contains some very distinguished and reputable gentlemen, and they fling "infamy" at each other with reckless profusion. From a careful study of both arguments, PUCK is convinced that both are right: that a few speculators want the islands annexed, that a few other speculators want them let alone; and that the people as a whole care very little about the matter. We have never been able to discover any burning enthusiasm in either direction, and we do not believe there is any. We think the people are heartily tired of Hawaii, having been made so by the ridiculous over-statements and palpable double-dealing of both parties. And that opinion is apt to be worth just as much as if it were your own favorite opinion.

FOXY PIGS.



SPAGNA CALLS us "Yankee pigs,"  
Nor is she much mistaken;  
At least, Manila proves that we  
Know how to "save our bacon."

A YOUTHFUL ADMIRER.

JOHNNY.—Papa, I don't think Admiral Dewey is being honored enough.  
PAPA.—What do you think ought to be done?  
JOHNNY.—I think his birthday ought to be a legal holiday, and so ought the date of the battle of Manila.

A PLAUSIBLE RUMOR.

BENNET.—There is more talk about Spain ceding the Canaries.  
NEARPASS.—To France?  
BENNET.—No; to a man to whom she owes a coal bill.

WHO KNOWS?

"Well, Mothleigh is going to join the ranks of the Benedicts!"  
"Volunteer or drafted?"

A NINETEENTH CENTURY PARADOX.

"The Spaniards seem to be brave."  
"Oh, yes! they're brave enough, but they can't fight."

IN OLD MADRID.

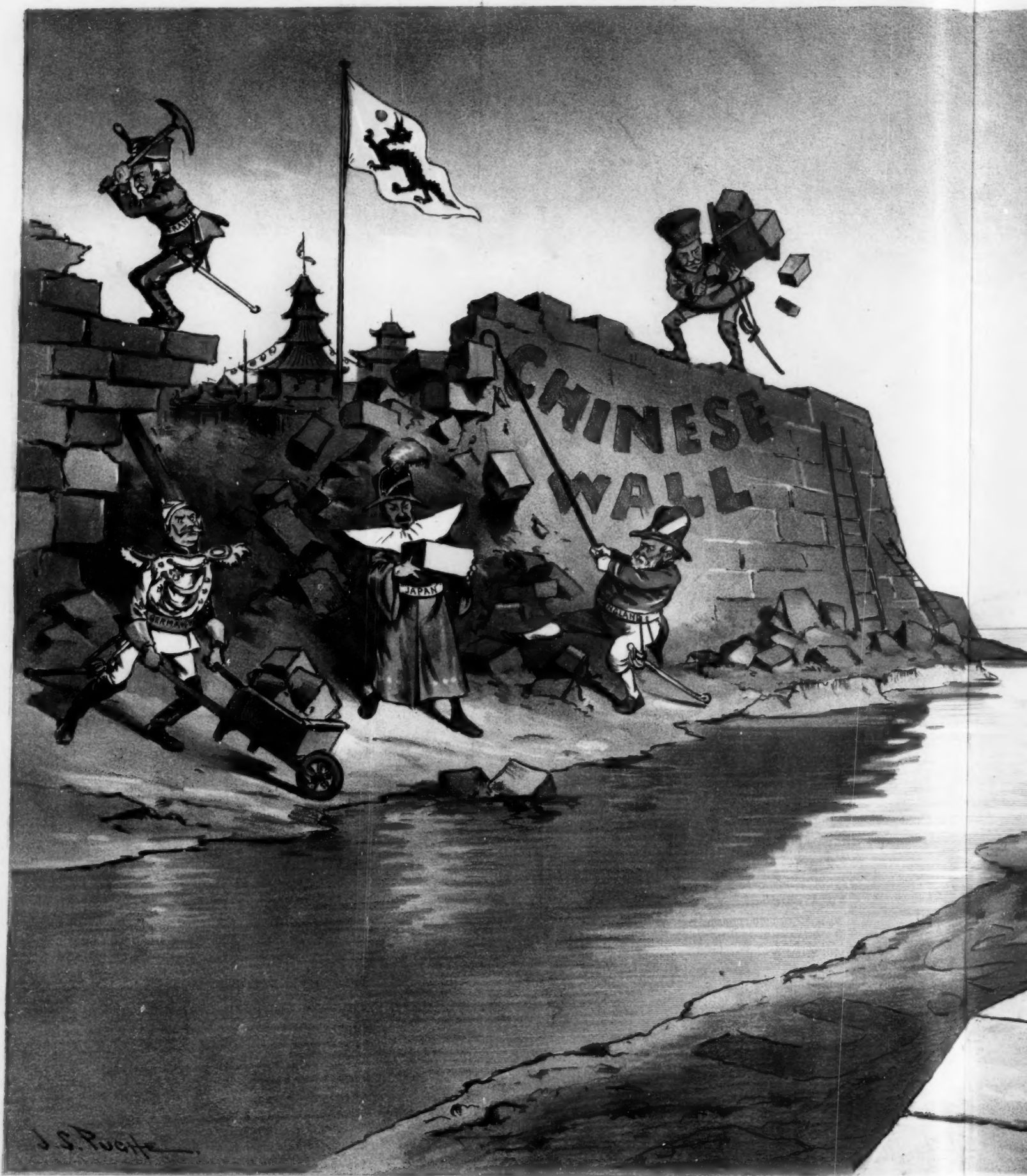
FIRST GRANDEE.—Hurrah! We gained another great victory.  
SECOND GRANDEE.—Is that so? Did any of our gallant troops succeed in escaping?



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SUPERIORITY.

THE OWNER (*indignantly*).—Bless my soul! They don't smash trunks like that in England, doncherknow!  
THE PORTER (*complacently*).—Don't they, sir? We can give 'em points about doin' lots of things, can't we, sir?



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THE NEXT THING T

UNCLE SAM.—By Jingo! That reminds me that I've got a wall like that—I'd bet





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THING TO DO.

—I'd better take it down, myself, before other people do it for me.

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# WHAT WE MAY EXPECT.

(Extract from a Daily Paper of 1920.)



HE battle-ship New Jersey was launched yesterday. She is considered one of the finest fighting machines afloat. She is 1,820 feet long and has a displacement of 74,000 tons. Her armor is 42 inches thick. Speed 65 knots. Her main battery consists of seven 26 and ten 24-inch guns. She also carries a number of small guns, such as 14 and 13-inch. She is equipped with eleven torpedo tubes. Cost \$18,000,000. She burns 700 tons of coal daily, and it is rumored that she carries her own coal mine.

With forty or fifty vessels of the New Jersey type, the United States will be in a position to meet any foreign complications that may arise.

## HIS VIEW.

FAIR MISSIONARY (completing description). — And that was the beautiful Garden of Eden in which Adam and Eve lived.

STREET ARAB. — Putty nice in Summer; but it must of been dead slow if he had to live in de country all de year round.



## WAR'S WONDROUS WORKS.

SAMUEL STUBBLE. — I tell you, a war is just what we need to make good times for the farmers.

REUBEN RAILFENCE. — I guess you're right there! I never see crops look better 'n they have since that Maine explosion.

## A WIDE MARGIN.

FIRST POLITICIAN. — I hear some talk in Administration circles about protecting the people of the Philippines from designing American politicians.

SECOND POLITICIAN. — What nonsense! We could give them better government than Spain ever did, and make loads of money at that.

## ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

LITTLE ELMER. — Pa, what is an extemporaneous speaker?

PROFESSOR BROADHEAD. — One who can talk fluently about nothing without any previous preparation.



## AT THE ASYLUM.

DOCTOR. — Yes; that man imagines that he is a member of one of the most aristocratic families in Europe. However, there is one very favorable symptom in his case.

VISITOR. — What is it?

DOCTOR. — He is thoroughly ashamed of his family history.

## AN APPROPRIATE MELODY.

SUMMER HOTEL PROPRIETOR. — We have an orchestra to play during meals —

PROSPECTIVE GUEST. — The favorite air should be "Hail to the Chef."

## SHE OUGHT TO KNOW.

She says that eighteen Summers  
Passed o'er her head. What luck!  
Because, from her appearance,  
Full twenty-five have stuck.

ONE SUMMER does n't make a Summer Girl; it takes four or five to produce the real, finished article.



## A PLEA FOR THE CIGAR.

JIMMY. — I got no use fer people what smoke pipes, Petey.

PETEV. — Me neider! If everybody smoked pipes, dere would n't be no butts to t'row away.



PUCK'S WAR BULLETIN.

(These Reports will be found to be fully as unreliable and imaginary as those furnished by the big dailies.)



WHILE A detachment of the Massachusetts Naval Brigade were planting mines in Buzzard's Bay about two o'clock this afternoon, they noticed a small boat approaching them, rowed by two very pretty girls wearing yellow shirt-waists. They also carried red sunshades. When within speaking distance, our sailors gallantly doffed their caps. The Spaniard (as she is now believed to be), immediately reversed her course and shot off rapidly in the opposite direction. Such unprecedented behavior aroused the suspicions of our sailors, and, instead of starting in pursuit, they returned at once and reported the incident to their commanding officer. They were highly commended for their bravery. It is believed to have been a decoy, and that a large Spanish ironclad of the first class is concealed somewhere in the vicinity. LATER — This report can not be confirmed.

It is reported that a fisherman named Lisam Moore, while trolling for cod off Martha's Vineyard early this morning, was attacked by a school of Spanish mackerel. The fish jumped into the boat in great numbers, evidently with the intention of sinking her. Moore saw that his only chance of escape was to swim ashore; and, abandoning the ship, he plunged into the sea. The fish, angry at being cheated of their prey, started in pursuit, but Moore easily outdistanced the swiftest Spaniard and reached the shore in safety. LATER — Some of Moore's intimate friends, who have been interviewed, regard the story as improbable.

A dispatch from Philadelphia, which is supposed to be authentic, says: "War is now almost certain."

It is asserted that one of Gomez's aids (whose name is withheld), and who had been drinking nothing but polluted well water for six months, was presented, a few days ago, with a case of champagne. A faithful servant, suspecting Spanish treachery, removed the case to his own tent, and drank the wine to save the life of the master he loved. The servant was shot.

Walter F. Rice.

MANILA IN 1950.

FIRST CITIZEN. — By Jove! it is n't right. We ought to kick.

SECOND CITIZEN. — Of course it is n't right! There's little Rhode Island with two United States Senators — has just as much to say, by gum! as the whole Philippine Islands!

SURE ENOUGH!

MRS. HOON. — Why is n't this war prosecuted more rapidly?

HOON. — Why, you see, my dear, we can't lick the Spaniards any faster than we can catch them!

A POSITIVE PROOF.

TEACHER. — Now can any of you give any proofs of your own that the world is not flat?

LITTLE TOMMY. — Please, sir, if it was you could see the North Pole with a telescope.

PATRIOTIC CONFIDENCE.

UNCLE ABNER. — I can't quite understand this. Manila is in the East, but it says here the ships that 's goin' out there is sailin' West.

UNCLE AMOS. — Well, don't go to criticisin' the Administration. May be that 's some piece of strategy.

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"Fightin' Sam? He nebbah done no fightin'!"

"No. But dat 's gettin' to be er fad now!"

IMPOSSIBLE.

"You can't believe more than half of this war news."

"Of course you can't. One-half of it directly contradicts the other half."

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CUSTOMER. — I see you are recommending a new brand of condensed milk. Is it better than the others?

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A QUESTIONABLE TREAT.

CHOLLY. — Here I am in a deuced dilemma! After I have purchased these two tickets for the ball game, I really don't know whether to ask Clara to go or not! She is such a sweet, gentle creature, that I am afraid the rude sport might shock her refined senses. I think I will risk it; anyhow!



CHOLLY (nervously). — Ah — er — Miss Clara — you — er — you seem impatient! Do you not enjoy the game?

MISS CLARA (impatiently). — Yes. But when do they commence to slug the umpire?

WOULD N'T DO.

COMMITTEE MAN (to public SCHOOL TEACHER).—We was thinkin' of puttin' up a nice motto over your desk to encourage the children. How would "Knowledge is Wealth" do?

SCHOOL TEACHER.—That would n't do. The children know how small my salary is.—*New York Weekly*.

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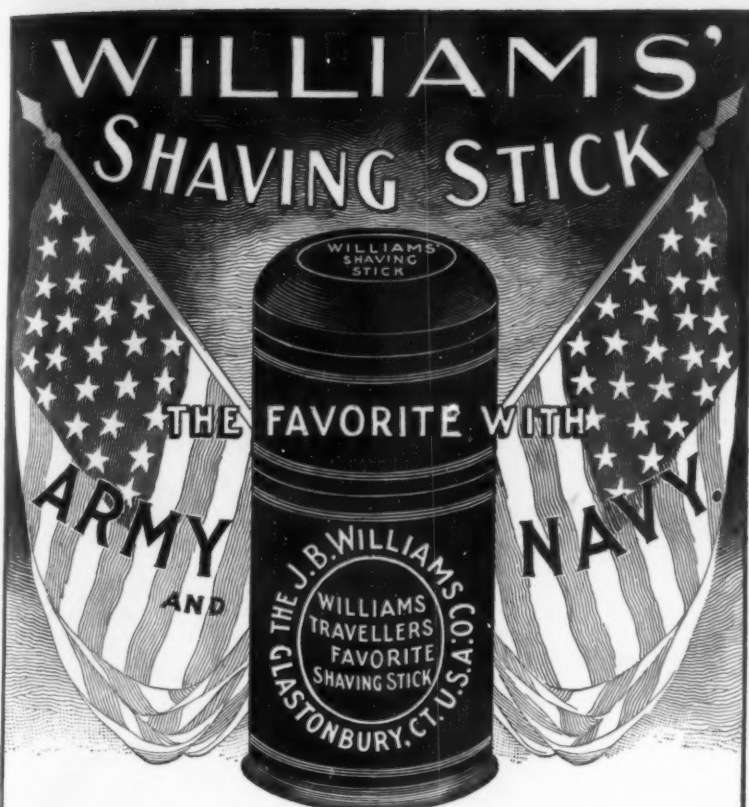
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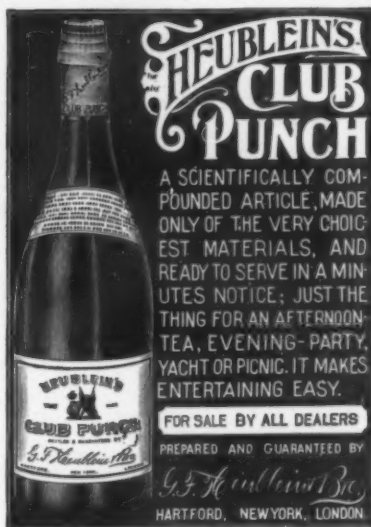
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